

**FINAL REPORT
OF THE
NORTHWEST INDIANA TRANSPORTATION
STUDY COMMISSION**



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

In 2006, the Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation re-establishing the Commission. See P.L. 169-2006 (HEA 1102-2006), SECTION 85. The statute directs the Commission to do the following:

- Monitor the development of commuter transportation and rail service in the Lowell-Chicago and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors.
- Study all aspects of regional mass transportation and road and highway needs in Lake County, Porter County, St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County.
- Study northwest Indiana transportation, infrastructure, and economic development issues.
- Study other topics as assigned by the Legislative Council.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Commission met twice during the 2006 interim session. On September 13, 2006, the Commission met at the Purdue Technology Center Northwest Indiana. On September 13th the Commission heard presentations from:

- Dan Gardner, Deputy Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission;
- Ken Dallmeyer, Project Director, Regional Bus Authority; and
- Tim Sanders, Executive Director, Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority.

On October 25, 2006, the Commission met at the Gary Chicago International Airport and heard from:

- Stephen Mosher, Port Director, Port of Indiana--Burns Harbor; and
- Chris Curry, Airport Director, Gary Chicago International Airport.

The Commission is not required by statute to file a final report until November 1, 2009, and the Legislative Council did not request a report on any topic for 2006. For further details of the Commission's 2006 proceedings, see the Commission's minutes which can be accessed from the General Assembly web page at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/interim/>